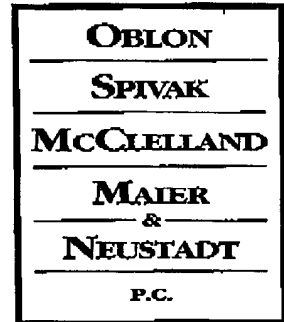


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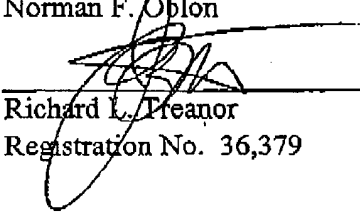
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STATUS OF CLAIMS

Claims 1-22 are pending.

STATUS OF AMENDMENTS

All amendments and remarks filed in this case have been entered and considered.

SUMMARY OF INVENTION

The invention relates to compositions containing, in a physiologically acceptable medium, (1) at least one foaming surfactant, (2) at least 1 % by weight of at least one hydrophilic silica, and (3) at least one oxyalkylenated compound. (Specification at page 3, lines 3-8 and 25, page 4, line 1 and the examples). In the invention compositions, the oxyalkylenated compound is selected from the group consisting of oxyethylenated compounds and oxyethylenated/oxypropylenated compounds. (Specification at page 9, lines 20-22). Also in the invention compositions, the oxyalkylenated compound is a thickening agent present in a composition thickening effective amount. (Specification at page 3, lines 3-8 and 25, page 4, line 1 and the examples). Furthermore, the invention compositions contain at least 35 % by weight of water. (Specification at page 4, lines 2-11).

The invention also relates to methods of using the invention compositions to cleanse skin and/or hair, to remove make-up, to treat greasy skin, and/or to disinfect skin. (Specification at page 22, line 19 through page 23, line 14).